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Weekly prices in the Midwest and South Central regions were lower on all sizes when compared to the previous week. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged from last week. The market tone was mostly steady beginning the week. Demand was light to usually moderate. Supplies were sufficient to available for present requirements. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate to ample for the light demand. Light type fowl were fully sufficient to ample for the moderate to good demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Midwest prices were slightly lower for all sizes. Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Cartoned and loose egg demand was mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to tight for jumbo and small and fully adequate for the balance. Central states breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were generally adequate. Demand was light and unaggressive. Floor stocks adequate to ample. Schedules were mostly full-time. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI-Prices paid to producers.	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	35-45	36-42	LARGE	17-26	21
LARGE	34-44	35-38	MEDIUM	6-12	10
MEDIUM	23-33	25-28	SMALL	6-10	

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was mostly steady entering the week. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for current trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate to ample for normal processing schedules. Offerings of spent hens were fully adequate to ample for the moderate to good demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	46-61	47-50
LARGE	40-54	45-49
MEDIUM	29-42	34-36

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were 2 cents lower for extra large and unchanged for large and medium. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail and food service demand was about moderate. Supplies were adequate to tight for jumbos and small and fully adequate for the balance. Central states breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were generally adequate. Demand was light and unaggressive. Floor stocks adequate to ample. Schedules mostly full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	47.5-56	49-52
LARGE	43.5-52	45-48
MEDIUM	33.5-42	35-38

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Weekly prices were generally unchanged from the previous week. Trade sentiment was mostly steady beginning the week. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully sufficient for present trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate to ample for the fair demand. Light type hens were fully sufficient to ample for the moderate to good demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	42.5-50	44-47
LARGE	41-48	42-45
MEDIUM	30.5-38	31-35

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK Prices on extra large, large and medium were unchanged when compared to last Friday's prices. Trade sentiment was usually steady. Retail demand was light to mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for current needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	54-58
LARGE	52-56
MEDIUM	41-45

MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	42-51	44-48
LARGE	41-50	42-44
MEDIUM	30-39	33-35

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

WESTERN Prices unchanged on jumbo, extra large, and large, unchanged to 2 cents lower on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 13% higher than last Monday with California up 11% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 19%. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings ample.

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged on jumbo, extra large, and large, 2 cents lower on medium and small. The California inventory was 11% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand mainly moderate. Offerings ample. Small benchmark price 45.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	100
EXTRA LARGE	91
LARGE	78
MEDIUM	65

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	RANGE	NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	RANGE
JUMBO	249-309		
EXTRA LARGE	219-289		
LARGE	199-219		
MEDIUM	179-189		
		NOT AVAILABLE	

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending May 27, 2005 will decrease by 7 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending May 20, 2005 were 223,417 cases which was 5 percent below the prior week and 3 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	187,040	36,377	223,417
% change from the prior week.....	-6	+0	-5

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand was light and unaggressive while offerings were generally adequate. Floor stocks adequate to ample. Schedules mostly full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	23-26	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	13-17	13-15

CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly moderate for the at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as mostly normal. Sales of finished product were generally sufficient for current needs. The undertone was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 23-MAY-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.5-15.75	11.75-13.5	12.92
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were generally unchanged compared to the past week. Offerings were limited but adequate for needs. Schedules were normal to instances reduced. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 23-MAY-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9-15.75	11.5-13.25	12.48

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM MAY 23, 2005

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/

(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO Northeast	SO CENT	SO CENT	SO Atl	5-Area Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	10.5	14.4	7.1	12.9	12.8	57.7
	Change	-1.4	2.9	1.3	1.6	1.7	12%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	26.2	42.0	13.9	24.0	37.8	143.9
	Change	2.6	3.7	-4.1	2.1	4.8	7%
Large	Curr Wk	49.0	141.9	70.2	100.8	101.0	462.9
	Change	4.5	8.2	3.3	1.4	9.1	6%
Medium	Curr Wk	16.4	52.1	19.3	27.9	28.6	144.3
	Change	3.9	-8.5	3.3	3.5	6.1	6%
Small	Curr Wk	5.3	22.6	4.3	4.6	3.5	40.3
	Change	1.2	6.1	0.2	-1.3	0.2	19%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.6	29.0	10.2	11.8	5.3	60.9
	Change	-1.7	6.3	0.5	1.0	0.7	13%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	23.1	44.2	17.1	36.3	32.7	153.4
	Change	4.7	-6.2	0.6	-1.0	3.7	1%
Total	Curr Wk	135.1	346.2	142.1	218.3	221.7	1,063.4
Percent	Change	11%	4%	4%	3%	13%	7%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	1,063.4	7%	175
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	243.8	-4%	35
Total Shell Egg	1,307.2	4%	210

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 175 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks.

This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

2/ Cooperator universe change resulted in no measurable difference to last weeks inventory.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

CANADIAN EGGS

QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES-GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 09, 2005

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.86	1.83	1.74	1.16

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF MAY 09, 2005 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.42	1.42	1.32	.77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAY 20, 2005

CURRENT LOADS							19.00		FUTURE LOADS							3.00		TOTAL LOADS							22.00	
SE			NE		MW		LOADS		SC			NW		SW		LOADS										
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST												
GNR W 1	24.00	—	26.00	26.50	—	—	2.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	50.00	1.00										
GL W J	—	—	—	—	36.75	—	1.00	GL W XL	33.50	33.25	—	—	—	—	41.13	8.00										
GL W XL	—	—	38.00	39.50	29.00	—	5.00	GL W LG	24.50	32.00	—	—	—	—	33.50	2.00										
GL W LG	—	—	—	32.00	26.50	28.00	4.00	GL W MD	20.75	25.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00										
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00	NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	—	23.00	1.00										
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	22.00	—	1.00																			

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 05/16/05-05/20/05

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS									
89.50								53.25								142.75									
SE				NE				MW				SC				NW				SW					
CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST			ORG	DST			LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST			ORG	DST			LOADS
GNR W 1	24.50	24.50		25.70	27.75		—	—				15.00	GNR W 1	—	—		—	—		—	—			39.50	5.00
GNR BR 1	—	—		28.50	32.50		—	—				2.00	GL W J	42.00	—		—	—		49.00	50.75			4.00	
GL W J	—	—		47.50	48.50		36.75	—				5.00	GL W XL	34.17	34.33		33.50	—		—	—			40.03	18.50
GL W XL	31.00	35.00		37.67	39.16		29.32	34.33				40.25	GL W LG	26.06	32.00		—	43.50		—	—			38.15	20.75
GL W LG	—	34.33		32.75	32.79		27.86	27.70				41.25	GL W MD	21.34	25.00		—	—		—	—			25.16	7.25
GL W MD	27.00	24.00		24.50	26.00		18.67	18.67				7.50	NRBS - 45	—	—		—	—		—	—			23.00	1.00
GL W SM	23.50	26.25		23.17	26.33		18.00	—				11.00	NRBS - 36	15.00	16.00		—	—		—	—			—	2.00
GL BR MD	23.50	27.00		—	—		—	—				.50													
NRBS - 48	—	—		—	—		28.00	25.58				27.00													
NRBS - 45	—	—		—	—		22.00	—				1.00													
NRBS - 42	—	—		—	17.00		—	18.00				2.00													
NRBS - 39	—	—		—	—		16.00	17.86				8.00													

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	05/16/05	05/09/05	05/17/04
PACIFIC COAST	190	183	538
LOS ANGELES	183	183	485

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is steady on all sizes. Supplies are adequate. Retail demand is light to moderate.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	64.63
LARGE	58.63
MEDIUM	48.63
SMALL	45.00

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 – 260	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 – 151	130 - 134
Large doz.	217 – 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 – 142	125 - 128

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OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION

Report Date: 5/16/2005

Report Period: 4/24/2005 - 4/30/2005

State	# Cases Shipped To Northern CA	# Cases Shipped To Central CA	# Cases Shipped To Southern CA	Total State
Arizona	0	0	3,369	3,369
Colorado	0	0	4,030	4,030
Illinois	0	0	90	90
Indiana	0	0	540	540
Iowa	8,818	8,350	40,004	57,172
Michigan	0	1,630	4,056	5,686
Minnesota	4,232	1,230	7,901	13,363
Missouri	0	0	1,860	1,860
Montana	0	0	900	900
Nevada	0	0	810	810
North Carolina	840	0	286	1,126
Ohio	0	840	2,080	2,920
Oregon	5,646	0	0	5,646
South Dakota	780	0	3,232	4,012
Utah	0	1,680	8,244	9,924
Washington	0	516	0	516
TOTAL	20,316	14,246	77,402	111,964
SHIPPED TO				
MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO				
NONMILITARY	20,316	14,246	77,402	111,964

OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION

Report Date: 5/16/2005

Report Period: 5/01/2005 - 5/07/2005

State	# Cases Shipped To Northern CA	# Cases Shipped To Central CA	# Cases Shipped To Southern CA	Total State
Arizona	0	0	6,737	6,737
Arkansas	0	0	750	750
Colorado	0	0	1,284	1,284
Illinois	280	156	2,442	2,878
Iowa	8,566	3,855	30,193	42,614
Michigan	840	840	5,760	7,440
Minnesota	4,078	510	9,830	14,418
Missouri	880	0	4,106	4,986
Nevada	0	0	510	510
North Carolina	0	0	445	445
Ohio	0	0	2,360	2,360
Oregon	4,979	0	0	4,979
Pennsylvania	0	0	858	858
South Dakota	753	0	2,279	3,032
Texas	0	0	4,316	4,316
Utah	0	2,880	9,780	12,660
Wisconsin	0	0	2,400	2,400
TOTAL	20,376	8,241	84,050	112,667
SHIPPED TO				
MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO				
NONMILITARY	20,376	8,241	84,050	112,667

OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION

Report Date: 5/16/2005

Report Period: 4/17/2005 - 4/23/2005

State	# Cases Shipped To Northern CA	# Cases Shipped To Central CA	# Cases Shipped To Southern CA	Total State
Arizona	0	0	2,493	2,493
Arkansas	0	0	1,200	1,200
Colorado	0	0	11,323	11,323
Illinois	0	0	810	810
Indiana	0	0	1,125	1,125
Iowa	5,860	7,810	51,486	65,156
Michigan	0	1,650	3,239	4,889
Minnesota	4,740	1,290	9,701	15,731
Missouri	0	0	2,985	2,985
Montana	0	0	672	672
New Hampshire	0	0	780	780
North Carolina	0	0	880	880
Ohio	0	0	3,328	3,328
Oregon	2,731	0	0	2,731
South Dakota	780	0	950	1,730
Texas	0	0	1,726	1,726
Utah	0	852	9,154	10,006
Washington	9	0	1,608	1,617
TOTAL	14,120	11,602	103,460	129,182
SHIPPED TO				
MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO				
NONMILITARY	14,120	11,602	103,460	129,182

OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION

Report Date: 5/16/2005

Report Period: 4/10/2005 - 4/16/2005

State	# Cases Shipped To Northern CA	# Cases Shipped To Central CA	# Cases Shipped To Southern CA	Total State
Arizona	0	0	4,448	4,448
Colorado	0	0	4,662	4,662
Iowa	8,315	4,670	53,072	66,057
Michigan	0	2,496	4,505	7,001
Minnesota	4,618	1,605	9,150	15,373
Missouri	0	0	4,014	4,014
Montana	0	0	560	560
Nevada	0	0	2,250	2,250
Ohio	0	0	2,520	2,520
Oregon	8,119	0	0	8,119
South Dakota	0	0	1,105	1,105
Texas	0	0	830	830
Utah	903	780	7,835	9,518
Washington	10	434	0	444
TOTAL	21,965	9,985	94,951	126,901
SHIPPED TO				
MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO				
NONMILITARY	21,965	9,985	94,951	126,901

OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION

Report Date: 5/16/2005

Report Period: 4/24/2005 - 4/30/2005

State	# Cases Shipped To Northern CA	# Cases Shipped To Central CA	# Cases Shipped To Southern CA	Total State
Arizona	0	0	1,643	1,643
Arkansas	0	0	735	735
Colorado	0	0	5,756	5,756
Illinois	0	0	810	810
Indiana	0	0	600	600
Iowa	6,835	4,470	52,102	63,407
Michigan	0	0	4,096	4,096
Minnesota	5,705	1,271	7,206	14,182
Missouri	0	780	7,248	8,028
North Carolina	84	0	1,782	1,866
Ohio	0	0	3,360	3,360
Oregon	3,517	0	0	3,517
South Dakota	810	0	1,425	2,235
Texas	0	0	4,590	4,590
Utah	0	2,922	11,054	13,976
Washington	1	0	996	997
TOTAL	16,952	9,443	103,403	129,798
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY	16,952	9,443	103,403	129,798